

UTAH LAKE & JORDAN RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

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WATER USERS ANNUAL MEETING

**The Minutes of the Utah Lake and Jordan River Distribution System
Including the Jordan River and its Tributaries**

The Annual Meeting was held in the Department of Natural Resources Building, Conference Room #214, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah, on Friday, January 23, 1998. The meeting began at 10:15 a.m. Those present and the Companies they represent are as follows:

Bill Marcovecchio
Dale Bateman
John Newman
Keith L. Hansen
Chris Christenson
Jeff Niermeyer

East Jordan Irrigation Company
South Jordan Canal
Utah and Salt Lake Canal
North Jordan Canal Company
Gardner Farm Diversion
Salt Lake City Corporation

Those members excused are:

Wayne Ballard
Sherwin Allred

Draper Irrigation Company
Utah Lake Distributing Company

Those present without voting powers are:

Lee Sim
David B. Gardner
Jim Riley
John Larsen
Keith Denos
Jonathan Clegg
Norm Bray
Jeff Bryant

Division of Water Rights
Commissioner
Division of Water Rights
Division of Water Rights
Provo River Water Users Assoc.
Provo River Water Users Assoc.
Central Utah Water
Salt Lake County Water Conservancy District

It was determined, by canvass of those present, that there was an adequate, qualified representation to form a legal quorum; therefore, the meeting was considered official.

Mr. Sim introduced himself and the other representatives from the Division of Water Rights to the members present and indicated he would be conducting the meeting. He then asked Mr. Gardner to introduce all members of the water users.

Mr. Sim then indicated the first order of business was the selection of a Chairman and Secretary for the water users. A motion was made by Mr. Niermeyer, seconded by Mr. Bateman, that Mr. Marcovecchio be elected as Chairman and Mr. Gardner be elected as Secretary. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Sim then turned the meeting over to Mr. Marcovecchio for the balance of the agenda.

Mr. Marcovecchio then asked Mr. Gardner to read the minutes of the meeting held on January 8, 1997. After the reading of the minutes a motion was made by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Mr. Bateman, that these minutes be accepted as read. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio then asked Mr. Sim to review the Financial Report as prepared by his Department. Mr. Sim then read the Financial Report. After review of the Financial Report, Mr. Sim then indicated there were no delinquent accounts in this District. Mr. Sim then indicated to Mr. Gardner to file with his annual report the financial statement of the district. A motion was then made by Mr. Niermeyer, seconded by Mr. Bateman, that the financial statement be accepted as read. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio then indicated the next order of business was the review of the proposed budget for 1998. Mr. Sim then went over the line items of the budget that was expended in 1997. Mr. Sim indicated there was some discrepancy in line item 9 (contractual service) and an explanation was made by Mr. Gardner that the North Jordan Irrigation Company had not been paid for their contractual service in the amount of \$3,050.00. Mr. Sim indicated that a new ^{invoice} ~~pinkie~~ ^{voucher} could be sent to the District and this amount taken out of the trust fund account. A review was then made of the 1998 Budget of \$120,095.00 and an assessment of \$115,000.00 be set which is the same assessment set in 1997. Even though there was an increase from the 1997 budget, the members felt that there was adequate monies in the trust fund to run the District until the 1998 assessments were collected. A motion was then made by Mr. Niermeyer, seconded by Mr. Newman, to accept the 1998 budget at \$120,095.00 and assessments to the water users at \$115,000. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio then asked Mr. Gardner to read his 1998 Commissioner's Report.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT 1998

At the end of the 1996 Irrigation Season, Utah Lake was at -1.60 feet below compromise. On January 1, 1997, the Lake had risen to -0.45 feet and with the heavy snow pack, it looked like the drainage area of Utah Lake was in big trouble. The State Engineer called a Management Meeting with all people concerned to report their outlook for their areas. By April 1, the Lake had risen to a +0.85 feet and the Jordan River was discharging 950 c.f.s. by gravity flow. On June 1, 1997, the Lake had reached its peak at +1.25 feet above, but all canals were in full operation and the danger of flooding in the Salt Lake Valley was over. Our system continued to operate under gravity flow for the balance of the irrigation season, and by November 1, the Lake had receded to -0.08 feet below compromise. With this high level, we felt that we would soon reach compromise, so on November 10, the gates at the Lake were opened and the Jordan River discharged approximately 750 c.f.s through the Turner Dam. This discharge continued from the Lake and increased to approximately 830 c.f.s. On January 22, 1998, the Lake had risen to a +0.22 feet above compromise. With the sporadic weather conditions, it is difficult to say whether we will experience flooding conditions through the spring of 1998. The report on the capacity of the Jordanelle and Deer Creek Reservoirs is that they will fill and spill in the near future.

A motion was then made by Mr. Neirmeyer, seconded by Mr. Newman, that the Commissioner's Report be accepted as read. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio then indicated that the next order of business was the selection of a Water Commissioner and Deputy Water Commissioners be recommended to the State Engineer for the 1998 appointment. A motion was made by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Mr. Bateman, that Mr. Gardner be appointed as Utah Lake and Jordan River Commissioner for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 31, 1998, to use that portion of his time as is necessary to properly distribute the water of said System and to file with the State Engineer's Office an Annual Report of said Distribution System; also that Mr. Jack B. Rindlisbach, Mr. Perry Smith and Mr. Greg Lewis be recommended as Mr. Gardner's Deputy Commissioners for that same period of time. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio indicated the next order of business was the selection of a Committee to represent this District and transact any business in its behalf. Mr. Marcovecchio also suggested that all members of the District be part of the Committee and by majority rule any business could be transacted for the District. A motion was made by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Mr. Niermeyer, that this procedure be adopted. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio then asked Mr. Sim if the stock that had been submitted to the District from the Sharon Steel bankruptcy had been resolved. Mr. Sim indicated that it had not, but he would continue working on this problem. Mr. Sim then indicated that there was a new bill before the Legislature which is basically a clarification of the conveyance of water rights throughout the State of Utah. He indicated he would report to the water users if and when this bill was passed.

Mr. Marcovecchio indicated the final order of business was the resolution for appreciation of the outstanding service of Charles W. Wilson who passed away this past December. This resolution should be in the form of an engraved plaque to be given to the family of Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Marcovecchio then turned the meeting back over to Mr. Sim at which time he asked if there were any other business to come before this body. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Bill Marcovecchio, Chairman

David B. Gardner, Secretary